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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS ON PALESTINIAN POPULATION CONCENTRATIONS LOCATED IN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

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1. AS PART OF INTER-AGENCY EXERCISE TO STUDY ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PEACE, DEPARTMENT NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATING TO STATUS OF RESIDENT PALESTINIAN POPULATION LIVING IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE LISTED AS ACTION ADDRESSEES:

(A) YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL PALESTINIAN POPULATION RESIDING IN YOUR COUNTRY, BIRTH RATE, PERCENTAGE OF PALESTINIANS OF WORKING AGE EMPLOYED

(B) PREVAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF PALESTINIAN WORKERS: SKILL LEVELS, OCCUPATIONS, RATIO IN PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE SECTOR, AVERAGE AGE, AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN COUNTRY, AVERAGE EARNINGS, ALLOCATION OF EARNINGS, I.E. CONSUMPTION, INVESTMENT, REPATRIATION, ETC.

(C) POST 1973 EMPLOYMENT TRENDS, SUCH AS INCREASES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF PALESTINIANS, CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS BY OCCUPATION OR ECONOMIC SECTOR, ETC.
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(D) TYPES OF LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESTRICTIONS ENCOUNTERED BY PALESTINIAN WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WHAT IS THE LEGAL STATUS OF CHILDREN BORN IN COUNTRY TO PALESTINIAN PARENTS?

(E) CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, INCLUDING MEASURES TO REPLACE FOREIGNERS WITH NATIONALS, WHICH HAVE A POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON EMPLOYED PALESTINIANS. ARE MANY PALESTINIANS LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR JOBS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THESE POLICIES? ARE OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM ON THE LOCAL LABOR MARKET?

(F) PREVAILING VIEW OF NATIONALS ABOUT RESIDENT PALESTINIAN WORKERS. DO NATIONALS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY PALESTINIANS WORKING IN THEIR COUNTRY AND/OR THAT THEY ARE HOLDING JOBS THAT SHOULD RIGHTLY GO TO NATIONALS?

(G) EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING FOR PALESTINIAN YOUTH IN THE LOCAL SOCIETY. ARE THEY ABLE TO ATTEND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS? IF ACADEMICALLY

QUALIFIED, DO THEY RECEIVE STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECOND-ARY OR HIGHER STUDIES? ARE THEY SUBJECT TO QUOTAS OR OTHER RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES? WHAT PROPORTION OF PALESTIN-IAN YOUTH ATTEND HIGH SCHOOLS AND HIGHER INSTITUTIONS ABROAD? WHERE DO THEY TYPICALLY GO?

(H) PLANS BY HOST GOVERNMENT, IF ANY, TO RESTRICT OR EXPAND THE NUMBER OF WORKING PALESTINIANS IN THE COUNTRY. CURRENT OUTLOOK FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF PALESTINIANS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

(I) CURRENT PRINCIPAL INCENTIVES FOR PALESTINIANS TO WORK IN THE COUNTRY OR PRINCIPAL DISINCENTIVES THAT CAUSE OTHER PALESTINIANS TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE
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(J) HOUSING. PERCENTAGE OF PALESTINIAN POPULATION STILL LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS (WHERE RELEVANT). DIFFERENCES IN LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THOSE IN AND OUTSIDE OF CAMPS, INCENTIVES TO LEAVE/STAY IN CAMPS OR OTHER CURRENT HOUSING, ALTERNATIVES TO STAYING IN CURRENT RESIDENCES. WHO OWNS TITLE TO THE LAND IN CAMPS? COULD THIS BE TRANS-FERRED TO CURRENT TENANTS? FOR PALESTINIANS NOT LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS, HOW DOES HOUSING DIFFER FROM THAT USED BY OTHER GROUPS IN THE POPULATION? ARE THERE CONCENTRA-TIONS OF PALESTINIANS IN NEIGHBOURHOODS OR ARE THEY SCATTERED AMONG THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION?

(K) WHAT OTHER FACTORS, SUCH AS CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS, INTERMARRIAGE, ETC. WORK FOR/AGAINST ASSIMILATION OF RESIDENT PALESTINIANS INTO THE LOCAL SOCIETY? ARE THERE ANY VISIBLE CHANGES IN THESE FACTORS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS?

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS RESPOND IN AT LEAST SUMMARY FASHION BY SEPTEMBER 15 SO THAT RESPONSES CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO INTERIM REPORT DUE IN LATE SEPTEMBER. FULLER RESPONSES RECEIVED THERE-AFTER WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO FINAL REPORT DUE IN LATE DECEMBER. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES POSTS COOPERA-TION AND CONTRIBUTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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